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The Scarlet Letter. When Dukes told his dastard's story, pe ple said that no man would have told it; and when his black-hearted letters were made public, the indignation was more intense The verdict of decent humanity was that hanging was too good for a man who had entered a home to violate its sanctity. The representations which he had made to the father concerning the young girl coupled with an infamous proposition, al this was looked upon as aggarvating the villainy. The killing of the father was hurdly more a murder than the driving the steel-pointed letters into his heart.

People thought of the disgrace to the family of the exposure, and agreed that it was all as bad as could be. To how many came the thought—Perhaps the scoundre lies? He had made a shameful confession but no sense of shame showed in thos lines in which, with the pen of a ready writer, he amplified his confessed iniqui ties with redundent phrases. It seeme that looked to lust, serpent advances, re taining in his devil's grasp the scarred hand and reveling in his easy conquest eaves-dropping, gathering up the tittle tattle of the town, cowardly retreat from the ruin he had wrought. Even though he had murdered the father, it does no eem to have occurred to the townsfolk, or for that matter, to anybody else, that there was an unhappy orphaned girl to whom something was due-at least a suspension of judgment; that perhaps the villain had confessed too much.

Every man whom Dukes named to show that he was no worse than other people has made affidavit that with respect to himself the assassin lied; that with respec to the young woman, it was a lie that she had ben known as a wanton, and for himsel he believed her to be pure and good. The pardict of the peripred jury, arousing pub lic sentiment to the highest pitch of indig nation, touched, also, the finest sensibilities, awoke all that was kindly human in every breast; the representations of the traducer and assassin were publicly de nounced as fiendish lies, and society advanced with open arms to the poor girl on whom has fallen an avalanche of horror. What if there had been no murder-n

clearing by a packed and perjured jury Suppose Dukes had merely talked his shame about the town. Correct women would have avoided her, and men careful of reputation would have been afraid to give her countenance. "Give a dog a bad name" is a saying which means most when applied to a woman-she is convicted without a hearing; previous good character avails little, in making up the general verdict, nothing; society brands the convict with the Scarlet Letter—she can not live it down, she can not wear it off. Women jealous of the good name of their sex, resentful of any blur upon their common womanhood, are quickest to believe and punish. The whispered dagger stabs many a pure woman in the dark, and it may t that she knows, not why, only that she is avoided. We hear, believe, and condemi the one we think to be wronged, and have no penalty for the aggressive wrong-doer

If Dukes had stopped short of murder it is not probable that he would have los men never expect to lose, and society encourages them-gentle women even codn, with the apology that "may be he is a little wild, but he is always a gentle man in the company of ladies." The Scarlet Letter is not for a man, but a woman may have it stamped upon her without ceremony and often without knowing it is there. It isn't fair, and it isn't

BREAKFAST BUDGET.

A New Yorker has been fined \$300 for giving tobacco to a giraffe in Central Park. Two hundred and four New York youths under twenty years of age have married within a year.

One-tenth of the foreign immigration to

used for field artillery.

At Turin, in 1884, there will be opened a general Italian exhibition, to embrace GUY R. C. ALLEN, physics and general chemistry, with their

applications, and mathematics. In Churchville county, Nev., is a hill of G. O. SMITH, moving sand four miles long, a mile wide

and from 100 to 400 feet high. Within . few years the hill has traveled a mile. A Baltimore manager lately succeeded in

securing a large attendance at his theatre by announcing that jars of preserved fruit H. O. PETERMAN, would be distributed among the audience The foreign settlement at Shanghai is

lighted by the Brush electric light. The Chinese Governor has issued an order for the removal of the lights, thinking them

A Russian princess at a recent ball given in Nice, wore a dress made entirely peacock's feathers. Heads of the birds with eyes made of garnets, were used in

During the past ten years the valuation of real estate in New York City has risen from \$797,125,115 to \$805,200,816, while that of personal estate has fallen off fully one-

third. A society has been formed in England under the presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury, which has for its object "the Christianizing, simplifying and cheapening

funeral and mourning ceremonials." Near La Paz, Mexico, has been discover ed the largest pearl the world has ever known. It is light in color, oval in form, one inch in length and three-quarters of an inch in its smallest diameter. Its value is

A lady in Brunswick, Maine, lately callad in a physician to prescribe for her sick cat. In a short time the cat died, and a coffin was purchased costing \$12.50. Fin-nally a cable dispatch was sent to the lady's absent husband, announcing pussy's

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A Change for the Better and the Ca CAMERON, W. VA., March 17.

Sin: - The stranger who visits Camero at long intervals cannot but be struck with the improvement of the order and morals town. True, there is still a large class of citizens here who used to make th own vocal with drunken revelry when whisky was king; but they are in a decided

whisky was king; but they are in a decided minority.

It is not putting it too strongly to say that it used to be an ordinary sight to see the streets filled with drunken, fighting rowdies, while bowie knives and revolvers were flourished on all hands. In those days when there was trouble between two or more of the inhabitants of the surrounding country, it was customary to appoint a day when they would meet in Cameron and fight tout. All this has changed, and Cameron has become a quiet, orderly village. One such broil as used to be such a common occurrence as to pass unnoticed,

place.
This happy change is owing largely to
two causes: First, the town has been incor
porated, and has a very efficient municipa
government, at the head of which is Mayo
McDonald, a coursgous, honest and capable official; a Conneil with common sen enough to adopt ordinances which condu to the peace and progress of the community and the special pride of the people, the Town Sergeant, Captain Mackey, who h

But there is another case, and other which I wish especially to mention. This is the reform in the matter of the sale of intoxicants. The battle against King Alcohol was long and tedious, but he was finally overcome and driven from his former stronghold. No license is now granted here for the sale of liquor, and hough the enemies of temperance made and fight to secure the election of a Counc the to secure the execution of the would grant license, they were de-what the town needs now is for-urts of justice to rigidly enforce the and punish those who attempt to ated. What is a courts of justice to rigidly enforce unaws, and punish those who attempt the hield evil doers by false swearing.

More Anox.

Huntington Courier.

If it be true that under Democratic rule the State has been plunged into debt to the amount of a quarter of a million of dollars, isn't it the height of folly to continue that party any longer in power?

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